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SUBJECT: AHEPANS VOICE CONCERNS TO KYPRIANOU

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1. SUMMARY: AHEPA DELEGATION ATTENDING MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS WAS VERY PLEASED WITH RECEPTION IN CYPRUS, AND WAS CONCERNED WITH WHAT IT SAW AS DRIFT TO LEFT AND RELIANCE BY GOC ON THIRD WORLD AND COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IN DEALING WITH CYPRUS PROBLEM. DELEGATION DELAYED DEPARTURE SEVERAL HOURS IN ORDER TO EXPRESS THESE CONCERNS TO PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU.
END SUMMARY.

2. IN SPITE OF TIGHT AND DEMANDING SCHEDULE, FOUR-MAN AHEPA DELEGATION HEADED BY SUPREME PRESIDENT PETER DERZIS WAS VERY PLEASED WITH RECEPTION GIVEN IT BY GOC AND CHURCH OFFICIALS. NEWSPAPERS, TELEVISION, AND RADIO MADE MENTION OF AHEPA VISIT, AND ACTING ARCHBISHOP AND PRESIDENT EXPRESSED THEIR PLEASURE TO DELEGATION THAT IT HAD MADE TRIP. HOWEVER, AT END OF EXTREMELY FULL DAY SEPT 11, DELEGATION EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN CYPRUS TO AMBASSADOR AND EMBASSY OFFICERS DURING SMALL, IN-FAMILY COCKTAIL AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.
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3. TAKING LEAD AS SPOKESMAN FOR DELEGATION, CHAIRMAN OF AHEPA CYPRUS COMMITTEE JOHN PLUMIDES SAID THAT DURING CONVERSATIONS IN GREECE AND CYPRUS, MEMBERS HAD LEARNED OF SEVERAL CAUSES OF CONCERN WITH REGARD TO DEVELOPMENTS SINCE DEATH OF MAKARIOS:

--GOC RECOURSE TO SECURITY COUNCIL WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATIONS

WITH U.S. OR ADVICE TO AHEPA RAN RISK OF FAILING TO ACHIEVE ANYTHING USEFUL WHILE CAUSING EMBARRASSMENT AND HARD FEELINGS ON BOTH SIDES.

--APPARENT RELIANCE BY KYPRIANOU ON LEFTIST SUPPORT IN RETAINING PRESIDENCY AND POSSIBILITY OF HIS CONTINUING TO SEEK SUCH SUPPORT IN FEBRUARY ELECTIONS RAISED SPECTRE THAT HE MIGHT BEHAVE IN A WAY EMBARRASSING TO AHEPA AND OTHER FRIENDS OF CYPRUS AND GREECE IN AMERICA.

--MOVE BY GOC TO ENLIST THIRD WORLD AND SOVIET SUPPORT IN DELIBERATIONS BEFORE U.N. ON CYPRUS PROBLEM WAS CHANGING COMPLEXION OF U.S.-CYPRUS RELATIONS AND CALLING INTO QUESTION WHETHER FRIENDSHIP WAS MUTUAL.

--LACK OF ANY PUBLICITY OR EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION BY GOC FOR GENERAOUS U.S. AID WAS ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT FOR AHEPA, AS PRIME SUPPORTER OF SUCH AID, TO EXPLAIN TO ITS FRIENDS IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION.

4. PLUMIDES SAID THAT IF, IN LIGHT OF FURTHER CONVERSATIONS WITH GOC OFFICIALS OVER DINNER SCHEDULED LATER THAT EVENING IT APPEARED THAT THESE CONCERNS SHOULD BE CLEARLY VOICED AT HIGH LEVEL, DELEGATION WOULD DELAY ITS DEPARTURE AND ASK FOR APPOINTMENT WITH KYPRIANOU. SUBSEQUENTLY DELEGATION IN FACT REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WHICH WAS GRANTED EARLY SEPT 12 AT COST OF CONFIDENTIAL

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RESHUFFLING KYPRIANOU'S SCHEDULE AND GROUP'S DEPARTURE.

5. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MEETING WITH KYPIRANOU, DELEGATION CALLED AT EMBASSY TO REPORT CONVERSATION. PLUMIDES SAID DELEGATION HAD EXPRESSED ITS CONCERNS TO KYPRIANOU IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS, POINTING OUT EMBARRASSMENT THESE DEVELOPMENTS COULD CAUSE AHEPA, AND EMPHASIZING THAT GOC SHOULD CONSIDER CARTER ADMINISTRATION A TRUE FRIEND WHICH COULD HELP ACHIEVE A JUST SOLUTION TO CYPRUS PROBLEM. KYPRIANOU REPORTEDLY LISTENED RESPECTFULLY BUT MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE REPLY EXCEPT TO STATE THAT RECOURSE TO UNSC HAD BEEN MADE ON "EMERGENCY" BASIS WHICH PERMITTED NO TIME FOR CONSULTATIONS AND THAT APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITIES HAD NOT ARISEN FOR PUBLICIZING U.S. AID. PLUMIDES SAID HE HAD CLOSED BY EMPHASIZING THAT AHEPA WOULD BE USING ITS INFLUENCE TO PERSUADE WHITE HOUSE TO AGREE TO MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT CARTER AND KYPRIANOU DURING LATTER'S UNGA TRIP AND THAT ANY FURTHER "EMBARRASSING" DEVELOPMENTS IN CYPRUS COULD DAMAGE AHEPA'S CREDIBILITY IN THE U.S. PLUMIDES SAID KYPRIANOU HAD BEEN VERY PLEASED BY AHEPA'S STATEMENT OF INTENTION TO SUPPORT A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER.

6. AHEPA DELEGATION DEPARTED SEPT 12 1445 CY 336 FOR ATHENS

WHERE IT HOPES TO SEE KARAMANLIS TO DISCUSS CYPRUS: BOTH THE
CYPRUS PROBLEM AND GREEK CYPRIOT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS. GROUP
EXPRESSED ITSELF TO US AS GREATLY IMPRESSED BY ACTING ARCHBISHOP
CHRYSOSTOMOS, WHOM IT MET AT SEPT 11 MAKARIOS MEMORIAL SERVICE,
MUCH LESS SO BY KYPRIANOU.
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